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1. The Social Democratic Party is anxious to have the Czechoslovak Government speed up discussions concerning American property claims in Czechoslovakia so that the way may be cleared for a renewal of loan negotiations with the United States.
2. Social Democratic leaders believe that a quick settlement of the property claims being made by American investors is highly desirable, but they do not want the Czechoslovak-American discussions to become involved in the tangle of claims now being presented by former Czechoslovak citizens who became American citizens during the war. This applies in particular to former Czechoslovaks whose properties, because of their size and importance, have since been nationalized; the Social Democrats feel that the claims of these persons should be handled exactly like the claims of other Czechoslovak citizens whose properties also were nationalized.
3. Since Niederle, a Social Democrat, has been appointed by the Government to deal with foreign property settlements, the Social Democrats believe that their views on the matter will prevail.

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